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Credentials of representatives of participating States in the resumed Review Conference on the Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks

Report of the Credentials Committee

Chair: Ms. Sonali **Samarasinghe** (Sri Lanka)

1. The resumed Review Conference on the Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks recalled that it had appointed a credentials committee of nine members from representatives of the parties to the Agreement, namely, Germany, India, Mauritius, Norway, Saint Lucia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Ukraine and Uruguay. Given that Germany, India and Mauritius were no longer in a position to serve on the Committee, the resumed Review Conference elected the Netherlands and Nigeria to the Committee.

2. The Committee held an organizational meeting on 23 May 2016, during which it elected Sonali Samarasinghe (Sri Lanka) as its Chair and Thembile Elphus Joyini (South Africa) as its Vice-Chair, by acclamation.

3. The Committee held its second meeting on 26 May 2016. The Committee had before it a memorandum by the Secretariat, dated 26 May 2016, on the status of credentials of representatives of participating States in the resumed Review Conference.

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4. As noted in paragraph 1 of the memorandum, formal credentials issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs had been received by the Secretariat for the representatives of the following 41 participating States: Australia, Barbados, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Fiji, Greece, Holy See, Honduras, Iceland, Italy, Jamaica, Lithuania, Malta, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Nauru, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Oman, Palau, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Saint Lucia, Samoa, Singapore, Slovakia, Spain, Sri Lanka, State of Palestine, Sudan, Sweden, Thailand, Tonga, United States of America and Viet Nam.

5. As noted in paragraph 2 of the memorandum, information concerning the appointment of representatives participating in the resumed Review Conference had been communicated by means of facsimile or in the form of letters or notes verbales from ministries, embassies, permanent missions to the United Nations or other government offices or authorities, or through local United Nations offices, by the following 40 participating States: Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Bangladesh, China, Congo, Croatia, Cyprus, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Finland, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Japan, Kenya, Lebanon, Libya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Mauritius, Morocco, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Nigeria, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Russian Federation, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Senegal, South Africa, Trinidad and Tobago, Tuvalu, United Arab Emirates, Uruguay and Yemen.

6. As noted in paragraph 3 of the memorandum, information concerning the appointment of representatives of the European Union had also been received from the delegation of the European Union to the United Nations.

7. The Chair recommended that the Committee should accept the credentials of all the representatives referred to in the memorandum by the Secretariat, on the understanding that formal credentials for the representatives referred to in paragraph 2 of the memorandum and of other participating States that had not submitted formal credentials would be communicated to the Secretariat as soon as possible.

8. The Chair proposed the following draft resolution for adoption by the Committee:

The Credentials Committee,

Having examined the credentials of the representatives of participating States in the resumed Review Conference on the Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks referred to in paragraphs 1 to 3 of the memorandum by the Secretariat dated 26 May 2016,

Accepts the credentials of the representatives concerned.

9. The draft resolution proposed by the Chair was adopted without a vote.

10. The Chair then proposed that the Committee should recommend to the resumed Review Conference the adoption of a draft resolution on the matter (see para. 12 below). The proposal was adopted without a vote.

11. In the light of the foregoing, the present report is submitted to the resumed Review Conference.

Recommendation of the Credentials Committee

12. The Credentials Committee recommends to the resumed Review Conference the adoption of the following resolution:

Credentials of representatives of participating States in the resumed Review Conference on the Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks

The resumed Review Conference on the Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks,

Having considered the report of the Credentials Committee[1] and the recommendation contained therein,

Approves the report of the Credentials Committee.[1]

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